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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Jorge A. Morando

For : JET COLUMN AND JET COLUMN
REACTOR DROSS REMOVING DROSS
DILUTING PUMPS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Official Action dated
December 11, 1998. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said conduit
is comprised of a material selected from stainless steel, [temperature resistant]
metal alloy, graphite, ceramic or mixtures thereof.

11. (Amended) An apparatus for removing a layer of dross from
the surface of a metal bath comprising a generally U-shaped conduit including a
first [let] leg having an inlet opening, and a second leg having an outlet opening for